

LITTLE BUDWORTH W.I. OCTOBER NEWS

President Beryl Worrall welcomed members and our demonstrator Rosemary Gilbert to the October meeting. Beryl then read out a Thank You card from Katie (nee Pearce) on the occasion of her marriage to Phil Collins. The wedding took place in Greece at the end of August.

Please make a note of the following dates and events of note that were discussed.

St. Peter's Church Autumn Fair is on Saturday 11th November and once again the W.I. will be in charge of the tombola stalls and would appreciate any prizes for both stalls. The W.I. will also be represented at the annual Christmas Tree Festival in the church on Saturday 9th December. The Cheshire Federation Carol Service in Chester Cathedral is on Wednesday 6th December and entry is by ticket only; see Beryl if you wish to go to this event. The Forest Group Carol Service is Monday 11th December at St. Helen's Church Tarporley, and you can pay on the door. Our Christmas Dinner will be on Wednesday 13th December at 7.30pm at Vale Royal Abbey and friends of members are cordially invited; contact Joan Johnson.

On Monday the 9th October, nine members helped celebrate the Forest Group 70th Birthday, at Tarporley Community Centre with a meal followed by entertainment provided by the Vale Royal Singers. All the institutes represented displayed their tablecloths and banners together with items relating to their own personal institute. Little Budworth W.I. were asked to provide the floral table centres and given the princely sum of £2.00 per table. Ingenuity was called for and with the help of donated mini Prosecco bottles acting as vases, a few flowers went a long way. We sang happy Birthday to the Forest Group and Georgina Denny the W.I. advisor cut the celebration cake. After the meal there was a "hat parade" where members wore their hats and told the story of the hat. Some tales were amusing, other thought provoking and some very emotional but all extremely interesting. It was a very enjoyable evening and we heard details from the minutes of the original meeting when over three hundred ladies from thirteen institutes turned up. The evening finished with the singing of God Save the Queen as per original meeting, although it was the King back then.

Back to our Wednesday meeting; Rosemary Gilbert demonstrated the Art of Sugar Paste Decoration and brought samples of some of her work relating to decorating Christmas cakes. Very soon our members were joining in modelling snowmen and choir boys or should that be snow persons and choir persons? Members also tried their hand at making Christmas roses, snowflakes and decorating previously made baubles and much hilarity took place. We then decorated a cake which Rosemary had baked with ribbons, stars and snowflakes. This cake was then served with our refreshments by Helen Chrimes and Catherine Chesters. Rosemary was thanked by Carol Mason.

The next meeting will be the AGM on Wednesday 8th November. After the business part of the evening is concluded Jan Hayes is coming along to say a few words about Tarporley War Memorial Hospital and will be bringing Christmas cards and accessories to sell to raise money to support the work of this much needed local hospital. Supper will be served after this so please come along to this evening.